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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: DIETMAR KUBEIN-MEESENBURG, ET AL.

Serial No.: 09/308,047

Group Art Unit: 3732

Filed: MAY 13, 1999

Examiner: Jeffrey A. Smith

Title: ARTIFICIAL JOINT, IN PARTICULAR ENDOPROSTHESIS
FOR REPLACING NATURAL JOINTS

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a)

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Applicant hereby requests that the period to take action in the above-captioned application be extended by one month pursuant to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a).

A check in the amount of \$55.00 is submitted herewith in payment of the required small entity extension fee. This amount is believed to be correct, however, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (Attorney Docket No. 1920/47784). A duplicate copy of this letter is attached.

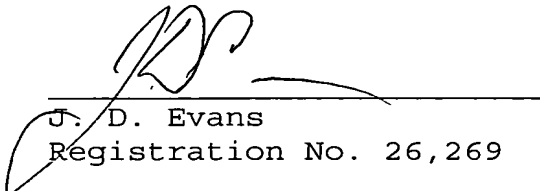
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Respectfully submitted,

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